GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR RAMLILA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has given an undertaking on January 10, 2005 before the Delhi High Court that it would find out alternative sites for Ramlila in place of Baba Khimman Singh Park, Ashok Vihar, Phase-III, Delhi within three months;

(b) if so, the latest position in this regard at present;

(c) whether a portion of the park is being utilised as playground for cricket; and

(d) if so the number of threes cut and the steps taken to get it free from unauthorised occupation?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that various alternative sites for Ramlila have been inspected and discussions held with local representatives before finalization of the site.

(c): The DDA has indicated that no portion of the park has been earmarked as playground. However, sometimes the children of nearby area play cricket in the park which is immediately checked by DDA staff.

(d): It has been informed that no trees have been cut in this park and there is no unauthorised occupation of any portion of the park.